Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There was some discussion on the question of site and the Chief Engineer has submitted certain alternative proposals.

29. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether the Government have any intention to construct a bridge at Nedungad, at a central place, the bridge being primarily for the use and convenience of the people of Nedungad ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The matter is under consideration.

Catching of elephants.

30. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of elephants caught in the Government Koppams in each of the last 10 years;

(2) the amount spent for the purpose each year;

(3) the amount realised by the sale of elephants each year?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(1) The system of capturing elephants in Koppams is not in vogue here. Elephants are, however, captured in pits and the number so caught for the last 10 years is given below:—

Year.	No. of elephants.
1097	7
1098	5
1099	5
1100	7
1101	11
1102	6
1103	1
1104	4
1105	3
1106	11

(2) The amount spent for elephant capturing operations is given below:—

Year.	Amount. Rs.	As.	Ps.
1097	8,251	14	11
1098	7,226	0	10
1099	6,328	1	10
1100	9,586	6	4

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	Rs.	As.	Ps.
1101	7,376	1	3
1102	5,921	9	3
1103	125	6	8
1104	3,029	14	6
1105	3,076	7	5
1106	4,541	1	6

(3)

Year.	No. of sold.	Value realised. Rs.	As.	Ps.
1097	4	6,430	0	0
1098	1	2,300	0	0
1099	1	1,501	0	0
1100	..	Nil		
1101	1	2,300	0	0
1102	2	1,650	0	0
1103	2	1,810	0	0
1104	..	Nil		
1105	3	3,170	0	0
1106	1	315	0	0

Taking clay from the Pozhil of the Pallippuram Village.

31. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Tahsildar of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk has issued an order to the Village Office of Pallippuram to prevent taking clay from the Pozhil (പൊയ്ൽ) of the Village for manure purposes;

(2) what the order is; and

(3) whether the Diwan Peishkar had once stated in the Council that there was no restriction to taking clay from the Pozhil?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) and (2) The Tahsildar of Cochin-Kanayannur has issued an order to the Village Officers of Pallippuram to prevent unauthorised taking of clay from the Pozhil.

(3) No.

Sudden deaths due to heart-failure in Mattancheri.

32. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware that sudden deaths due to heart-failure are occurring frequently in Mattancheri in recent years;

(2) whether the press has drawn the attention of the Medical and Sanitary Department to this matter; and

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